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Smallpox imported to Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 2 cases of smallpox were brought into the District of Columbia yesterday on the schooner *Annie Marts*, last from Port Royal, on the Rappahannock River, Virginia. Both cases have been removed to the smallpox hospital and the remaining member of the crew to the detention camp. The schooner is being disinfected by this department.

Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Smallpox epidemic in Indiana has subsided—Rules of the State board of health have the force of law.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 23, 1900.

SIR: I desire to inform you that the quarantine at Clay City has been raised and there is no further need of disinfecting the mails from that point. The smallpox epidemic in Indiana has quite subsided, for we have now to report but 12 cases in the State. The last 2 cases which appeared did not proceed from home infection. One, a woman who developed the disease in Cass County, a region heretofore free, came directly from New Orleans. The second case in Warren County, a region heretofore free, came from West Virginia, from a part of the State where smallpox exists. Our supreme court has decided that the health rules of the State board of health have all the force of law. We have taken advantage of this to secure the general vaccination of school children.

Respectfully,

J. N. HURTY,
Secretary.

Case of smallpox from the La Cross at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that I advised the New Orleans Cypress Company, Limited, regarding the admission of Joseph Rotolo, with smallpox from their boat *La Cross*, and advised them to have the crew vaccinated and the boat disinfected, and also requested them to notify me when the boat returned.

I was notified this morning of the boat's arrival at this city, whereupon I notified the city board of health.

The city board asked that if this came within the jurisdiction of the Marine Hospital Service, they wished I would take charge of the vessel, as they were at present handicapped. I informed them that I reported the vessel just as I would a house, but under the circumstances would vaccinate the crew and inspect the vessel. On inspection, I found the crew and vessel laying up in the new basin, having returned at once on advice by the company per telegraph. The crew was composed of captain and 6 men; 3 had never been vaccinated, among them the captain. I vaccinated the whole crew.

The *La Cross* is a light draft tugboat, and on inspection proved to be mechanically clean.

On receipt of the telegram, that 1 of the crew had smallpox, the captain destroyed the bedding of the patient and had the whole vessel washed down with boiling hot water.

I advised the captain to burn the mattresses, use sulphur fumigation